GTA and participating agencies have formed a team to develop Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for the state's IT consolidation and outsourcing procurement. The RFP development will include detailed requirements, service levels, pricing, billing and human resource plans specific to the IT needs of the State of Georgia.

The team will hold a kickoff meeting January 30 and be onsite at GTA's Capitol Hill offices February 5 to begin work on the RFP. GTA worked closely with agencies to select members of the procurement team. The purpose of the extended team is to ensure that agency business requirements are addressed in the RFPs.

The Human Resources sub-team held its first meeting January 17. The HR team will identify, research and analyze employment and retirement issues in relation to the outsourcing. It will make recommendations about the best way to address those issues.

The following is a representative view of each agency's team. Some agencies have larger teams while others have smaller teams.
- One full-time agency lead
- One or more full-time tower leads
- Part-time representatives for additional technical, financial and contracts data
- One part-time human resources representative
- One part-time business/application representative

The procurement will be an intensive, time-consuming project, which we are calling Georgia Infrastructure Transformation (GAIT) 2010. It will require a great deal of dedication from team members and their agencies, and it can be expected to interfere with other projects and priorities. However, the techniques we are using are the same as those used in similar successful projects.

Procurement Timeline

- RFP development — January through March 2008
- Competitive bidding — April through October 2008
- Transition to external service providers — November 2008 to March 2009

We expect 5-7 year contracts valued at a total of $1.2-$1.4 billion.

GTA will manage the state's IT infrastructure through the external service providers.

Frequently Asked Questions about the state's technology transformation and sourcing activities are available on GTA's Web site at www.gta.georgia.gov/transformation.

Agencies may submit additional questions to GAIT2010@gta.ga.gov.

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